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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

To Whom it May Concern
Dear Sir or Madam:

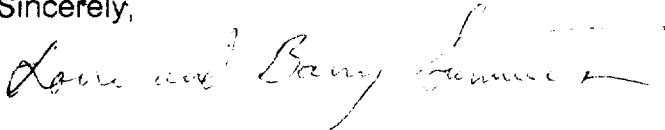
I am writing this letter regarding 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197. It has come to my attention that the US egg industry force-molts: intentionally starves for up to 14 days millions of hens to manipulate egg production. Forced molting is so stressful it destroys the hens immune system, predisposing the birds and their eggs to salmonella poison.

The FDA must do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons. The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because it is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. The cruelty and contamination are linked.

The FDA was petitioned in April of last year to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Thank you for your time and concern in this important matter.

Sincerely,



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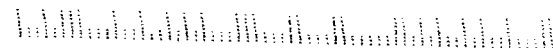
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